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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows: Applicant(s

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

<u> X</u> The fee has been calculated as shown below.

This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

{PRIVATE } Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining	(3)	(4) Highest number	(5)	(6)	(7)
	after amendment		previously paid for	Present extra	Rate	Additional fee
Total claims	22	Minus	= 22	0 ×	\$18(9)	= \$00.00
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This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$300 (\$150) has been previously paid , or is paid herewith __.

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